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Dear Allen:

I have a letter from a Canadian journalist named Elmore Philpott, who was until the liberal party was defeated an MP. I do not know him personally and in fact never heard of him before, but he has just been to China and I quote you two paragraphs from his letter, which may interest some of your Chinese people.

"The purpose of this letter is to tell you that from my several conversations with the top Chinese Foreign Office people they would probably "go" for the general propositions you recently advanced in your column -- namely voluntary withdrawal from the two small inshore islands, and with some form of neutralization and demilitarization of Taiwan itself BUT NOT ON A BASIS WHERE CHINA WOULD HAVE TO SIGN AWAY HER CLAIM TO SOVEREIGNTY in advance.

"As I state plainly in my reports, there are certainly two schools of thought in Peking. The one school, which I feel sure includes the younger military people, is all for a showdown now. They feel sure they could take the two inshore islands any day they feel willing to pay the price. But the other school, which certainly includes the foreign office people, is all for caution, patience and persistence. Of course they all agree 100% that all the islands in question are Chinese."

I was much impressed with your Soviet experts the other day.

Yours,

/s/ Walter Lippmann

Mr. Allen Dulles
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12/15/58: Copy sent to [REDACTED] C/FE,
with note: "Please see attached letter from
Walter Lippmann. I have orally acknowledged
this and thanked him for the information. AWD"

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